

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4627

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## AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize expenditures to combat emerging terrorist threats, including vehicular attacks, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Shielding Public  
3 Spaces from Vehicular Terrorism Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

5 The Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (11) of section 302 (6 U.S.C.  
7 182), by inserting “research and development to  
8 combat emerging terrorist threats, such as vehicular  
9 attacks, and” before “the long-term”; and

10 (2) in subparagraph (B) of section 308(b)(2) (6  
11 U.S.C. 188(b)(2))—

12 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
13 striking “expertise in—” and inserting “exper-  
14 tise in the following:”;

15 (B) by redesignating clause (xiv) as clause  
16 (xv); and

17 (C) by inserting after clause (xiii) the fol-  
18 lowing new clause:

19 “(xiv) Combating emerging terrorist  
20 threats, including vehicular attacks.”.

21 **SEC. 3. ALLOWABLE USES.**

22 Section 2008 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
23 (6 U.S.C. 609) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (11)  
2 through (14) as paragraphs (12) through (15),  
3 respectively; and

4 (B) by inserting after paragraph (10) the  
5 following new paragraph:

6 “(11) addressing security vulnerabilities of pub-  
7 lic spaces, including through the installation of  
8 bollards and other target hardening activities;”; and  
9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking  
11 “(a)(10)” and inserting “(a)(12)”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
13 paragraph:

14 “(6) FIREARMS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded  
16 under section 2003 or 2004 may not be used  
17 for the provision to any person of a firearm or  
18 training in the use of a firearm.

19 “(B) NO EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Noth-  
20 ing in this paragraph may be construed to pre-  
21 clude or contradict any other provision of law  
22 authorizing the provision of firearms or training  
23 in the use of firearms.”.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

2       The Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to  
3 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of  
4 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security  
5 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on poten-  
6 tial terrorism vulnerabilities relating to emerging auto-  
7 motive technologies that support driverless vehicles and  
8 the associated threat such vehicles may pose to people in  
9 public spaces. Such report shall also compare any public  
10 benefit of such vehicles against any such vulnerabilities  
11 and threats.

Passed the House of Representatives June 19, 2018.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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